



Minutes

Thursday, 7 March 2019; Patuxent Woods Drive, Room 339
Columbia, Maryland 21046

Attendance:

Lisa Terry, Chris Yates, Nathan Jones, Keith Hauk, Staci Harrison, Bob Berlett, John Way, Jennifer Anthony, Cory Hughes, Bob Lowell, Michael Blum, Lisa Terry, Howard Mooney, Tom Glenn, Ed Hall, COL Schott, Corey Greg Jolissaint, Christine Chamberlain, Bob Moore and Yale Stenzler.

Flyer Veteran's Resource Fair distributed

Keith Hauk introduced to commission. He runs the UMUC veteran's certification programs and vet assistance

Corey Hughes, President, Lincoln Tech, presented updates and asked for support opposing legislation changing funding for veterans attending for profit schools in Maryland. Currently 12% military students represent the study body at Lincoln Tech. The proposed legislation would impede future vets from enrolling in schools like Lincoln Tech: and other for profit/ skill based trainings. He distributed a folder with testimony submitted by Sen Penske that affects for profit sector; three components are proposed and the school supports all but the third change. First the legislation would add disclosure documents to prospective students to be fully informed about the school; 3rd part speaks about cosmetology reduction of hours for state licensing and does not affect Lincoln Tech. The 2nd part demonstrated in a diagram in packet would move veteran benefits over to the loan side. This would cause them to lose the appropriate ratio and would affect accreditation. He urged commission members to call him with any questions and to write/call legislators to oppose this part of the bill. Mike Blum will act as conduit between commission and school.

Commission minutes: add Greg Jolissaint was present; Bob instead of Bog for changes in February's minutes. There was a motion to approve and seconded, all in favor of approving the minutes with these corrections

Gen (Ret) Mooney announced dates for next meetings

- Resource fair: Updates provided on the planning progress report for the Veterans Resource Fair. These included information on parking arrangements, guest

speaker, refreshments, participating organizations, campus signage and presentation to Millie Bailey for her care package initiative. No keynote this year but opening from student combat veteran. The fair will be partnering to give free professional attire away and racks are being used to display the suits. Vendors being asked to arrive 30 min early to set up booths. Main parking will be in lot A (big lot); there are some handicapped spaces, but still a little bit of walk. There is a circle on side where folks with disabilities can be dropped off and take the elevator up to 4th floor. Could not ask for food donations since we have to use caterer from HCC. HCC will provide signage, around the campus. There are 30 confirmed government and other agencies that will be online prior to event and will have contact in case vets can't come to the fair. Lisa is encouraging everyone to distribute flyers out to increase awareness and attendance at the fair. Oakland Mills JROTC will be doing flag ceremony.

- April 3rd deadline for professional clothes donations to Lisa, at Savage Mill; or county exec offices
- Status of COMMISSION vacancies: Applications were sent over to county exec after the subcommittee met and recommended three candidates. There may be a delay as the exec is not making any appointments until new website that lists all boards and commissions, so applications will go on line. Dr. Ball wants to make commissions and boards more visible. The process will remain that once someone applies, then the commission can still screen to recommend the appointment
- Update on Tutorial Program for Veteran Owned small business: Craig is working on this program. Lisa gave an update.

General business

- Items of interest from the Joint Military Council of Howard County
Ed Hall: Flag retirement ,March 16 at 1000, VFW
Honor flights tour , May 11. Post 156 will help line up
Mike Blum new adjutant for VFW
Giving out high school service hours for service for helping Legion with flag retirements
- Veterans Day Parade Planning: meeting date not specified but in March; Larry will not chair this year, but will select new chair at next meeting; Yale contacted Post to ask if he can solicit bands
- Veterans Monument Foundation update: No report
- Progress report on the Military/Veterans friendly business designation program: No report

- Mt. Hebron History Club Honor Society presentation by Bob Lowell and Col Schott on Feb 13 went well. The students stayed on for 2 hrs and discussed Persian Gulf war and Col Schott's WWII experiences. The Glenelg Country Oral History program will be April 26 and May 3. If interested in being interviewed by the students, let Lisa know. The first day participants share their life experiences and then return to hear paper on the second date to hear the papers students write from hearing the story.
- Legislative items introduced at the State Legislature: discussed earlier in meeting
- Memorial Day Program activities: if anyone knows of any, please send email to Lisa and General Mooney
- Korean War Memorial: Hartford County wants to develop wall for Korean war and include Katusas for the national mall. They are asking for a donation amount being from Maryland and other states with a plan to launch or kickoff at KWM on Memorial Day. They will send more information' what is state doing versus county execs
- Other items of business for consideration:
 - Lisa: couple in 80's, male vet hospitalized, no heat, nonfunctioning kitchen; Puroclean did furnace repairs for free; not eligible for Rebuilding Together, asking for additional resources to help the family.
- Meeting adjourned 2030.